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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the Office Action, dated December 9, 2002, be extended for one month to April 9, 2003.

A response to the Office Action, dated December 9, 2002, is filed concurrently herewith.

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A Response Transmittal and Fee Authorization for the one month extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) is submitted herewith. In the event that the Response Transmittal and Fee Authorization is not present, is not sufficient, or is not acceptable, please charge any fee (other than issue fee) required during the pendency of this U.S. patent application to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260.

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